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Rep. Considine Stands Up for Political Transparency

Madison – This week, the State Assembly passed a series of bills making major changes to governmental accountability in Wisconsin and allowing unlimited campaign contributions for certain entities for the first time in years.

In response, Rep. Dave Considine (D-Baraboo) said, “Not one constituent in the 81st District has ever told me they want *less* accountability for politicians and *more* money in our government. Yet that is what the Assembly Republican majority did this week, over countless objections from all sides.

“The voters in my district tell me they want better educational opportunities for their children, functional roads and sustainable transportation funding, and stronger protections for our environment. No one has asked me to help give wealthy donors and politicians more special privileges. I recused myself from voting on AB 387, the campaign finance bill, because I believe it would personally benefit my campaign committee, and thus myself and every other member of the Assembly,” Rep. Considine continued. “Unfortunately, instead of educating our children, rebuilding our roads, and investing in Wisconsin’s future, many of my Republican colleagues have chosen to focus on severely weakening our transparency and accountability to the citizens we serve.

“This is not why we were elected. Good legislation that benefits our state comes when we work together, listen to each other, and reach consensus,” Rep. Considine stated. “I will continue to hold myself to that standard for the good of Wisconsin and the 81st District, and I hope my colleagues will join me.”

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